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amend. (FA828, Legislative Journal page 387.)

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Chambers, you're recognized to open.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I always have concern for people who are not in a position to look out for their best interest and welfare. So, since this bill is going to extend the opportunities for inmates to be utilized as workers, I have an amendment up there which says, in effect, that no person who performs work pursuant to this section shall be required to wear a manacles, shackles, or other restraints. And I think it is very reasonable. It ensures that you are not going to have people out on the highway with these...well, a chain gang, so to speak. And there is another...that is what that amendment would do. There is another issue that I would like to talk to Senator Baker about between now and the time the bill comes up on Select File, and that has to do with the wages. So to kind of touch on that, I'd like to ask him a question now for the record.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Baker.

SENATOR BAKER: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Baker, I don't see anything that addresses the wage scale for these inmates who will work under this bill.

SENATOR BAKER: It does not include anything as far as wages. Senator Dwite Pedersen and have talked about it and I am more than willing to work with you on that.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay, thank you. Members of the Legislature, I would also like to comment on that untoward incident this morning. I was unfortunately not on the floor during my shining hour. I appreciate the comments that were made on my behalf and toward the dignity of the Legislature, itself. But I want to let you all know that I don't hide in this building. Anybody who wants to find me can easily do so. I am here on holidays. I am here in the morning. I am here at night. I doubt that